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Bringing down the 'house' Senior Airman Lee J. Cruz, 302nd Services Flight services technician, disassembles an Alaskan Shelter, an all-purpose tent used for offices, lodging, dining room, etc., during the April unit training assembly. See page 5. (U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Jody Ritchie)

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Our commitment to patriotism

By Chief Master Sgt. Kirby Schueler 302nd AW Command Chief

Like all of you, I have been very interested in the war on terror and our possible involvement since Sept. 11, 2001. We all waited with great anticipation for the opportunity to do our part

I have been so proud of our record of success over the last few years from the vehicle operators,

to security forces, aerial port and most recently the aircraft maintenance and flying squadrons to name a few.

and take the fight to extremists.

Just as important was the role of those members who took care of all the day-to-day training needs and support requirements of those deployed abroad.

Lately, as the war continues on with no end in sight and the promise of more to come in the very near future, I have been considering the title of Citizen Airmen.

As the reserves move Chief Master Sg toward a more operational force in support of our active duty brethren, the expectation is that we will volunteer to accomplish these future missions versus mobilization. As we also continue to place greater and greater stress on our families and employers, perhaps it is time to consider the title of patriot. We have taken our oath to protect and defend the Constitution as reservists to a new level never seen in the history of the United States.

The fact that the reserve component from all branches is involved in long term sustained combat actions in a foreign theatre for nearly six years is something we should all be proud of.

No draft, a strong economy, low unemployment – what is it that drives a volunteer reserve force to jeopardize family and job in support of this nation? Patriotism.

As the Congress takes partisan positions on the war and they reduce our aircraft, personnel and

funding to pay for future weapons systems – what keeps us coming back? Patriotism

As the needs of the Air Force place us in a position to share our facilities and aircraft with an active duty group – what intrigues us? Patriotism.

Our members drive, fly and take trains at their own expense to the 302nd from many other states – what motivates them? Patriotism.

It's not the retirement pay, medical benefits, uniform, rules, discipline, formations or a chance to get away from the house – what compels us? Patriotism.



Chief Master Sgt. Kirby Schueler

If you are a flag-waiving, loyal supporter of independence serving the United States of America in uniform; if you mourn for those that have sacrificed everything; if you serve regardless of public opinion; if you long to see your families, children and grandchildren safe in the future; if you have sworn to give your life in the defense of everything we hold sacred – you are a patriot!

We are Citizen Airmen, make no mistake, but I am also proud to call each of you a fellow patriot.



Memorial Day
May 28 (observed)
May 30 (traditional)



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Honor your employer

Reservists have an opportunity to honor their civilian employers. The 302nd Airlift Wing Employer Appreciation Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 2.

"Since 9-11, our reservists have had to answer the call to duty more than once," said Col. James J. Muscatell Jr., 302nd AW commander. "Our efforts to fight terrorism would not have been possible without the support of civilian employers. We owe these people a debt of gratitude for the sacrifices they've made to allow their employees to serve our country. Employer Appreciation Day is one way we can thank them for that support."

Employers will be treated to an orientation flight on one of the wing's C-130H aircraft. Spouses are invited to join the employers. However, Air Force regulations do not allow them to fly. Spouses will attend an aircraft tour during the flight.

At the luncheon, they will hear from Fred Fletemeyer, Colorado Chairman for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, and Colonel Muscatell. They will also receive a Modular Airborne Firefighting System briefing.

Completed forms must be returned by May 11. They may be dropped off at Public Affairs, Bldg. 893, Suite 138; faxed to (719) 556-4214; e-mailed to

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Planning to lunch with your employer?

2313. For more information, call Public Affairs at 556-4117 or e-mail 302aw.pa @peterson. af.mil.



Swapping jobs

Lt. Col. Norman Anderson (left) and Capt. Collin "Bo" Shelton traded positions April 14. Colonel Anderson now commands the 302nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and captain Shelton the 302nd Maintenance Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Heldwin Brito, 302nd Maintenance Squadron unit public affairs representative)

MPF issuing ID, CAC cards by appointment

The 302nd Military Personnel Flight Customer Service section is now providing identification and common access cards by appointment during unit training assemblies. The change was made to decrease customer waiting times and increase the time available to accomplish the mission.

You can sign-up for appointments as early as the afternoon before. Show up 5-10 minutes ahead of your appointment time. No-shows will be held accountable.

UTA appointment times: 7:30-11 a.m. and 12:30-3:45 p.m. Saturdays; 7:30-11:45 a.m. Sundays. Walk-ins are accepted during the week.

News to Use

Wing units note changes to schedules, locations

Some 302nd Airlift Wing units are noting schedule changes.

The 302nd Mission Support Flight Education and Traiuning office is now holding CDC and PME testing in Bldg. 895, Suite 103. Testing times are 1 p.m. UTA Saturdays, 8 a.m. UTA Sundays, 8 a.m. Mondays and 1 p.m. Fridays

The 302nd Services Flight will be opening the base fitness center at 7 a.m. during UTAs.

The 302nd Military Personnel Flight Customer Service section has new phone numbers: 556-7976 and 556-3625.

The 302nd AW Judge Advocate General will hold homsoexual policy training in Bldg. 893, Suite 11, during odd months only (May, July, September, etc.).

The 302nd AW Human Resources Development Council will hold its

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Guard, Reserve leaders speak before Senate

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein *Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON (AFNEWS) -

Military leaders from the National Guard and Reserve testified before members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Defense, April 11 on Capitol Hill to give a status on the forces and to bring focus on the services' budget.

Lt. Gen. Craig McKinley, Director of the Air National Guard, spoke candidly about the Airmen under his leadership and their ability to adapt for the ongoing global war on terrorism, base realignment and closure changes, the Air Force's Total Force Integration initiative and recapitalization.

"In the year I've been in this position, I've been able to visit units throughout the states," he said, "and I'm proud of the men and women who are serving."

General McKinley pointed out the Total Force success found in Burlington, Vermont with community basing. In 2005, a group of active-duty maintainers from the 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., were sent to there to be trained by Airmen of the Vermont Air National Guard's 158th Fighter Wing. The idea was to provide a setting where young maintainers could learn from veteran guardsmen.

He said the insight and experience offered by the guardsmen

was invaluable to the newer Airmen. Airmen with lower skill levels and experience became familiar with higher skill level work.

"It was a total success," said General McKinley. "It was a great concept and the Burlington community embraced it. It produced results ... and I believe community basing is the way of the future (for the total force)," he said.

He also talked about the accom-

plishments of the 119th Fighter Wing out of Fargo, N.D., an award-winning flying unit that was greatly affected by BRAC. He praised their ability to adapt to change, a trait found in all Airmen, he said.

"This very distinguished unit

lost their F-16s, which had been there for years," he said. "But the crews there remained professional and ready to fight and have embraced the new missions (Predator unmanned aerial system and the C-21 Lear Jet) and



Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley

are proud of what they do."

Lt. Gen. John Bradley, Chief of Air Force Reserve, also testified about the Airmen in his command and their response to BRAC changes.

"The 2005 BRAC had a significant impact to the Air Force

Reserve," he said in his written statement. "BRAC directed the realignment of seven wings and the closure of one wing, General Billy Mitchell Field, Milwaukee, Wis. To our Reserve Airman, a base realignment, in many cases, is essentially a closure. We are working closely with the Air Force and the Office of the Secretary of Defense on initiatives which encourage those impacted by BRAC decisions to continue serving their nation."

He said the readiness of his Reserve Airmen is world-class.

"We pride ourselves on our ability to respond to any global crisis within 72 hours," General Bradley said. "In many cases, including our response to natural disasters, we respond within 24 hours. We train our Selected Reserve to the same standards as the active duty for a reason: we are one Air Force in the same fight."

Both generals said that one of their goals is to support the recapitalization efforts set for the force's aging fleet and equipment, a sentiment reiterated by Army Lt. Gen. Steven Blum,

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Mandatory separation ages change for reserve officers

WASHINGTON – If otherwise eligible, Air Force Reserve officers can now stay in the service longer before reaching their mandatory separation age.

In the past, brigadier generals and below had to retire or separate when they reached age 60. Now they can stay until age 62. The age for major generals rose from 62 to 64.

These changes are a result of provisions in the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act.

With the approval from the secretary of the Air Force, chaplains and officers in some health professions may remain in an active status until age 67.

Eligible officers still have the option of voluntarily separating or retiring before their mandatory age. Additionally, mandatory separation dates because of years of commissioned service restrictions have not changed.

Unless otherwise continued, lieutenant colonels must separate or retire when reaching 28 years of commissioned service. The limit for colonels is 30 years.

Although the authorization act changed mandatory separation ages, it did not

change when officers become eligible to draw retirement pay. If they meet all other requirements for retirement, they may apply for retired pay upon reaching age 60.

Also unchanged is the requirement for an individual to request approval from the secretary of the Air Force to continue to receive service credit for any service performed once becoming qualified for retired pay, which typically occurs at age 60.

More information and a list of frequently asked questions are available at http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/separations/msd.asp (Air Force Reserve Command News Service)







Getting ready

The 302nd Airlift Wing continues to hone its skills in preparation for the Operational Readiness Inspection in December. The wing conducted a cargo exercise and mobility line processing in April and various types of hands-on training were held during the unit training assembly.

Top, Senior Master Sgt. John Coutee Jr., 302nd Civil Engineer Squadron readiness technician, makes his way out of the line during mobility processing.

Left (left to right), Airman 1st Class Amy Jones, 39th Aerial Port Squadron air transportation journeyman; Tech. Sgt. David J. Montano, 39th APS air transportation craftsman; and Airman 1st Class Talley Rice, 39th APS air transportation craftsman journeyman, walk across the flight line during a hands-on training session in preparation for the 302nd Airlift Wing's Operational Readiness Inspection in December. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Derrick M. Gildner)

Bottom, members of the 302nd Services Flight pull the top off an Alaskan Shelter, an all-purpose tent that can be used for offices, lodging, dining room, etc. (U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Jody Ritchie)

ORI preparation training

En Mass – June 3, October UTA Sunday; 8 a.m.; base auditorium; bring Airman's Manual

Hands-on – July 8, Aug. 5, Sept. 8, Sept. 9; 8 a.m.; Bldg. 108; bring chemical warfare training gear, arrive in MOPP 2

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monthly meeting in Bldg. 893, wing conference room on Sunday of the May UTA, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (after wing commander's call).

Development teams guide Reserve Airmen's careers

The Air Force Reserve Command is working on a new program designed to maximize the potential of its Airmen as they chart their future careers. While Reserve Force Development will eventually encompass the whole Reserve population, the first step in the process is developing the abilities of the officer corps.

To submit or review a development plan or to see a listing of when the next meeting is for specific career fields, visit the ARPC Force Development Web site at http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/forcedevelopment.

For more information, call 800-525-0102 and ask for the force development division.

AAFES Military Moving Center brings savings home

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is on the move, offering military families a quick and easy way to save time and money on the numerous challenges associated with moving to a new assignment.

Searchable by specific street address, the service is a "one stop" shop where troops moving to or within the continental United States can connect and compare local utilities and services with just a few clicks of the mouse.

You can access the moving center website at http://www.militarymovingcenter.com/aafes.

E-Mail for Life' initiative launched

E-Mail for Life, or E4L, is a new program that will consolidate the service's multiple e-mail systems and provide senior leaders the capability to e-mail every Air Force member directly. The new E4L addresses will not be base specific but will have the extension of @us.af.mil. This means that every Air Force user – active-duty, Guard, Reserve, civilian or contractor – will keep that address for as long as they're associated with the Air Force. The E4L address will not show up on the Global Access List until mid-summer when the initiative reaches full operating capability.

Air Force clubs offering scholarships

Air Force Services Agency officials are offering \$25,000 in scholarships for club members and eligible family members, including the member's spouse, son, daughter, stepson and stepdaughter. Grandchildren are also eligible if they are dependents of the club member. Applicants must have been accepted by or are enrolled in an accredited college or university for the fall term as well as be part- or full-time students. Student enrollment status may involve either undergraduate or graduate curriculum.

The deadline to enter is June 15.

For more information about the Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program, visit www.afclubs.net.

UTA Schedule – May 5-6

Saturday

6 – 8 a.m. Breakfast/Brunch

Aragon Dining Facility 556-4180 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Newcomers Orientation

Bldg. 895, Conference Rm. 556-8185

7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Physical Exams

Clinic 556-1132

7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. MPF Hours (Closed 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)

Bldg. 895, First Floor 556-8185 **10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** Military Clothing Sales

Bldg. 1466 S56-3227

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch

Aragon Dining Facility 556-4180

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch & A Lift

Aragon Colorado Room 556-7428

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Company Grade Officer's Council Silver Spruce Golf Course 556-6234/6190

Noon – 4:30 p.m. Customer Service Hours

Bldg. 895, Room 121 556-7976/3625

1 p.m. CDC/PME Testing

Bldg. 895, Suite 103 556-7573/7250/7950

1 – 4 p.m. Chaplain Available Bldg. 893, Room 143 556-7428

4:30 – 6 p.m. Dinner

Aragon Dining Facility 556-4180
9 – 11 p.m. Late Night Carry-out

Aragon Dining Facility 556-4180

Sunday

6 – 8 a.m. Breakfast/Brunch

Aragon Dining Facility 556-4180 **7:30 – 8:30 a.m.** Chiefs' Group Meeting

Silver Spruce Golf Course 556-8132

7:30 a.m. – Noon MPF Hours

Bldg. 895, Room 219A 556-8185

8 a.m. CDC/PME Testing

Bldg. 895, Suite 103 556-7573/7250/7950 **9 – 10 a.m.** First Sergeant Council Meeting

Silver Spruce Golf Course 556-8307

10 – 11 a.m. Homosexual Policy Trng. (Odd month UTAs)

Bldg. 893, Suite 111 556-8140

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Human Resources Development Council

Bldg. 216, Conference Room 556-4117

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch

Aragon Dining Facility 556-4180

Noon – 1 p.m. Junior Enlisted Advisory Council

Bldg. 895, Conference Room 556-7550

4 – 6 p.m. Dinner

Aragon Dining Facility 556-4180

✓ Can't make the UTA but made lodging reservations? Contact Senior Master Sgt. Terry Brassard, (719) 556-4001 or 800-446-9624 to cancel.

✓ Want an event on next month's schedule? Contact the 302nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs office at (719) 556-4117 or e-mail 302aw.pa@302. peterson.af.mil.

UTA Schedule

Next UTA: May 5-6

June 2-3, July 7-8, Aug. 4-5

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Reserve National Space Security Institute Maj. Mark Ryals

Sharp Troop of the Month



Name: Milisa Peachey Rank: Staff Sergeant

Section: 302nd Mission Sup-

port Flight

Job: NCO in Charge of Career

Enhancement

Date assigned: October 2006 **Hometown:** Bakersfield, Calif. **Hobbies:** White water rafting, shopping and decorating her house

Favorite thing about your job: "Knowing that I am able to help people in their Air Force careers."

Note – Any member of the 302nd Airlift Wing or 310th Space Group may nominate an individual for Sharp Troop of the Month. Contact the editor of the Front Range Flyer at 302aw.pa@peterson.af. mil, or call (719) 556-4117, or toll free (800) 446-9624.

Junior Enlisted Advisory Council needs president

The 302nd Airlift Wing Junior Enlisted Advisory Council is in search of a new president.

If you are a junior enlisted member (E-6 cannot be promotable before February 2008)

Promotions

Major Eric Sands and interested, send a biography to elisha.olivas@peterson.af.mil.

The current term runs until Februray 2008. Call Senior Airman Elisha Olivas 556-4225/4226 for more information.

Retirements

James A. Willoughby, 302nd ASTS Master Sgt. Laura Cross, 310th SF

New ABU in full production

The new Airman Battle Uniform, designed to eventually replace both the Battle Dress and Desert Combat Uniforms worn by Airmen, is currently in full production.

Distribution plans also have the ABU replacing the BDU in the initial clothing bag at Basic Military Training in early fall. The ABU could be available for purchase in many Military Clothing Sales stores later this year, with Army and Air Force Exchange Service-wide availability in early 2008.

Some of the ABU features are both men's and women's sizes for better fit, improved pocket placement, and no starch maintenance, lowering time and costs of upkeep.

Now that the ABU is being fielded, development has started on other new uniform items. Specifically, Airmen can expect a field test of the new service coat later this year.

The new service coat, known as the Heritage Jacket, has gone through several prototypes, with officials recently deciding which version will be released for field testing. Once feedback has been received from the wear test, Air Force leaders will make a final decision on the new coat and send it into production.

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at http://www.af.mil/news/story_print.asp?id=123042938.



Air & space team up

Gen. Kevin P. Chilton, Air Force Space Command commander, visits with the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's civic leader members April 9 aboard a 302nd Airlift Wing C-130 as Senior Master Sgt. Pete Labarre, 302nd Airlift Control Flight loadmaster, looks on. The 302nd flew the group, hosted by AFSPC, to Cheyenne, Wyo. to visit F.E. Warren Air Force Base. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

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Chief of the National Guard Bureau. "While we have the very best people and the Air National Guard is fully up to strength," said General Blum, "we have this kind of experience where the equipment (these Airmen) are working on back at home station was built in 1953."

General Blum addressed the Senators with a card listing the various types of equipment and resources the Guard needs to ensure sustainability of the force, whether they are fighting the global war on terror abroad or dealing with natural disasters at home.

"No soldier or unit is going to go to war unready or unequipped," said General Blum. "It's not going to happen. But we are pushing the limit of the Guard and Reserve in regards to equipment and resources.

"In order to sustain the capabilities we have today, we are going to need the government's support."



Bundle awayyyyyy

A 302nd Airlift Wing C-130 drops a standard airdrop training bundle during training held in March at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Keith Cranston, 302nd Airlift Control Flight)

901st TAG/302nd AW Reunion Sept. 14-16 U.S. Air Force Academy

Reunion is open to all former members of the 901st Tactical Airlift Group and 302nd Airlift Wing and current members of the 302nd AW For more information, contact Dennis Martin or Mary Griffith at 556-4773 or e-mail

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Reunion committee is selling cookbooks to help defray cost of reunion

